

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TAKAO AICHI ET AL. ) : Examiner: Jason T. Whipkey  
Appln. No.: 10/529,217 ) : Group Art Unit: 2622  
Filed: March 25, 2005 ) : Confirmation No.: 2027  
For: IMAGE SUPPLY DEVICE, RECORDING )  
SYSTEM, AND RECORDING CONTROL :  
METHOD ) : October 29, 2008

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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NINTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign language documents, together with English-language abstracts and/or translations thereof, are enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in an Office Action dated September 29, 2008 issued in counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-348783. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance of the Japanese language documents is found in the attached English-language Abstracts thereof.

In addition, PCT Application No. WO 97/50243 corresponds to Japanese Document No. 10-108005.

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)**

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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